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Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 2:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/50899, filed November 26, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on June 24, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0215617, filed December 9, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the invention --

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 5 (of the application as filed):

-- Description of the prior art --

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 2, line 6 (of the application as filed):

-- Summary of the invention --

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 2, line 26 (of the application as filed):

-- Brief description of the drawings --